



broadleaf arrowhead

Sagittaria latifolia

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering plants

Features

Broadleaf arrowhead is a perennial herb. Its stems are upright, smooth, and up to four feet tall. White flowers grow at the tip of the stem. Flowers may be up to 1 1/4 inches wide. Male and female flowers may be separate, but are found on the same plant. Fruits are single, beaked, and about one-sixth inch long.

Natural History

Broadleaf arrowhead grows in shallow water along the edges of ponds and lakes and in fens, marshes, wet bottomlands, and backwaters of large rivers. It flowers from June through September. It is common in the northeast half of the state and rare to infrequent elsewhere.

Habitats

Mississippi River; Missouri River; interior rivers and streams; natural lakes and prairie marshes; constructed lakes, ponds and reservoirs; wet prairies and fens

Iowa Status

common; native

Iowa Range

scattered throughout Iowa in suitable habitats

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